GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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GAS BASED FERTILIZER PLANTS .
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Government proposes to convert existing fertilizer plants into gas based plants in order to reduce the cost of production of fertilizers; and

(b) If so, the details thereof, plant-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARYAFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b) Recognizing the cost effectiveness, environment friendliness and efficiency of natural gas (NG) over naphtha, fuel oil (FO) and low sulphur heavy stock (LSHS), the Government has already announced a policy for conversion of existing non-gas based units to NG/liquefied natural gas (LNG). Naphtha based units in the vicinity of HBJ pipeline have already started taking steps for conversion to NG/LNG depending upon the availability of gas and pipeline connectivity and other infrastructure.